

The Network... a Publication of University Presbyterian Church October 2024



Dear Friends,

The transition from summer to fall on Rally Day took place with the usual vigor, increased worship attendance and full choir with three new male voices (all basses). It's good to be 'back' to a new church program year. The Worship and Education Committee has booked adult education speakers each month through December. Two themes stand out: *Seeking Common Ground in Religion*, in September, with Stan Bratton, Executive Director of the Network of Religious Communities and *Seeking Common Ground in Politics*, in October, with the League of Women Voters. In these times of fracture and division the goal of these sessions is to provide thoughtful presentations and open conversation about the pathway/s to healing and unity in our society from our families to our neighborhoods, city, and nation.

In addition, the Worship and Education Committee has organized and prepared for a "one room" Sunday School house starting this Sunday September 22. The plan is to be ready to convene a class whenever children are present in worship; a children's story will be offered early in the service after which children will leave for Sunday School in the Fellowship Room. Finally, a monitor for the Mary and Martha Room will be installed for parents with infants and toddlers as well as any adults who can hear the service better in a smaller space.

The new season also began in collaboration with Calvary Baptist Church as we welcomed students to their first day of class at the Charles Drew Science Magnate School, met the new principal and toured the building. In addition, UPC and CBC raised approximately \$2400 for swim suits, school supplies and for teachers for their gift inventory for students who meet and exceed academic and behavior goals. We look forward to a year of meaningful service and worship with our friends at Calvary.

On September 29 after worship at 11:30am in the meeting room off of the Fellowship Room an Inquirer's Class will be held for anyone who wants to know more about the Presbyterian Church and UPC in particular and will receive any that day at the conclusion of the meeting who want to officially affiliate with UPC. Please spread the word!

Finally, we ask prayers each Sunday for those members and friends in need of healing and strength to face whatever storms or life they are encountering. We have prayed the last two Sundays for Connor James Sarzyniak the son of Emily (Grisante) and John Sarzyniak. Connor is just over a year old and now with his parents in Pittsburgh for a liver transplant. He will remain there for three to six months as he heals and adjusts to his surgery. Please keep the Sarzyniak family and Jim and Pat Grisante (grandparents) and Judy and Ken Betz (great aunt and uncle) of Connor through these challenging, hopeful days, weeks and months to come.

All good wishes. See you in worship,

Tom

Worship Column

Sunday, October 6

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1, 2:1—10; Psalm 26;

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8;

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 13

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15;

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17;

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 20

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7 (34-41);

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isaiah 53:4-12;

Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 7:23-28;

Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 27

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22);

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28;

Mark 10:46-52



October Birthday Wishes Go Out to.....



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

4	Pat Cookfair-Casseri
7	Janet Beamer
7	Stewart Grisante
9	Stephanie Mascetta
13	Michael Belus
13	Alexander Robertson
21	Terry Collins
22	Emily Grisante
26	Heather Casseri
27	C.J. Harbison
28	Alex Casseri
28	Harper Morrissey

What's Happening in ...



October 3	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Opens Choir
October 5	Saturday	10:00 am	Breakfast with Friends
October 6	Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service - Peace and Global Witness Offering collected International Potluck Luncheon
October 7	Monday	7:30 pm	Zoom Deacon Meeting
October 8	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Opens
October 9	Wednesday	2:00 pm	Ukulele
October 10	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Opens Choir
October 13	Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Time Choir Fellowship Potluck
October 14	Monday	<i>Indigenous People Day Holiday Church Office Closed</i>	
October 15	Tuesday	12:00 pm 2:30 pm	Food Pantry Opens Zoom Ministry to Community Meeting
October 16	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session
October 17	Thursday	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Opens Choir
October 20	Sunday	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Time
October 22	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Opens
October 23	Wednesday	2:00 PM	Ukulele



October Events Continued.....

October 24	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Opens
		7:30 pm	Choir
October 27	Sunday	9:30 am	Choir
		10:30 am	Worship Service
		11:30 am	Fellowship & Birthday Cake
October 29	Tuesday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Opens
October 31	Thursday	12:00 pm	Food Pantry Opens
		6:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
		7:30 pm	Choir



Fellowship Time

Fellowship Time has resumed following worship and this includes coffee and other refreshments. We look forward to good conversations and the opportunity to spend time together and would ask for support for the coffee fund.

International Potluck Luncheon

The ever-popular International Potluck returns on **World Communion Sunday, October 6** in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Bring a dish from your heritage, an international cuisine you enjoy cooking, or something from your American recipe collection. If you don't cook, plan to come anyway and sample the tasty dishes prepared by others, while enjoying great fellowship!



Soup & Pie Luncheon



Deacons will once again have a Soup and Pie luncheon as a fundraiser for their Deacons Fund. The Deacons Fund is maintained for the purpose of ministering to the health and welfare of the UPC community. The date for this nutritious and tasty event will be November 17. More to follow.



SAVE THE DATE ! Network of Religious Communities Appreciation Dinner



Network of Religious Communities
"Works for Humanity"

This year's Network of Religious Communities Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 14 at the Grapevine Restaurant, 333 Dick Rd. in Depew. Our honoree for 2024 is Patricia Cookfair-Casseri. More information on reservations and dinner choices will be up coming. Come enjoy, and celebrate Pat!



The Advent Chorale

The Advent Chorale of WNY announces the start of its 42nd season of rehearsals and performances of Handel's greatest masterwork, Messiah. Experienced singers in all voice parts are most welcome to join the Chorale. Rehearsals begin Tuesday, October 1, 2024: 6:30pm registration, 7:00pm rehearsal in Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, 4369 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, NY.

For a schedule of rehearsals, performance dates, times. Locations and biographical information of the Advent Chorale of WNY and soloists, please visit their website at www.communityadventchorale.com

Notes from the Music Ministry



On Sunday afternoon, October 13, the UPC Church Choir will host choirs from three other local churches as we join together to fellowship with our friends and neighbors to learn new music especially for today's churches. Choirs participating will be Christ United Methodist Church (Snyder) under their director, Nic Steltzer, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (Williamsville) directed by Patrick Gard, Williamsville United Methodist Church (Williamsville) with their director Diane Grebe, and University Presbyterian Church directed by Allan Andrews.

Our organist, Greg White, will be accompanying the choirs as each director introduces two new pieces from their repertoire. Following the singing, the choirs will meet in the Fellowship Room for an old-fashioned potluck supper. This would be a great time to join the choir and make many new friends! The singing will commence at 5:00 pm, with the potluck following at 6:30.

Trunk or Treat 2024

Fall has officially started with the Bills season opener, and cooler temps bringing that feeling of autumn in the air. Of course, we can't forget the kid's favorite holiday, Halloween right around the corner in October. It's time for our third Trunk or Treat where kids and adults enjoy a night of laughs and spooky fun from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.



Last year, we surpassed our previous year's attendance number with 200 visitors to our parking lot. We would like to make it even bigger this year with more participants and decorated cars. We've heard comments of appreciation from visitors and enjoyed smiles from ear to ear on the little ones dressed in their costumes. It's a night you won't forget and you will be a part of a safe Halloween celebration for our neighborhood children.

If you're unable to join us for the evening of trick or treating then please consider donating candy. If we surpass last year's numbers we will need a lot!! Please leave the candy in the church office. For more information, please contact Amy Erickson. (716) 480-4591 (cell) or email me : amyhoechst@yahoo.com. Thank you

Thanksgiving Outreach Day of Sharing 2024



Calvary Baptist Church and University Presbyterian Church will continue our Thanksgiving sharing with the community on Saturday, November 23, 2024. Food prep and related tasks will take place at Calvary beginning Monday, November 18 through Friday, November 22 from 11 am – 7 pm. On Saturday the 23rd we will begin the day at Calvary at 8 am to assemble and start distributing meals.

In 2023 there were 12 disciples representing UPC who participated in this ministry: Grace Agbemenu, Joanne Bartlett, Marietta Bratton, Elena Delgado, Lee Ann Grace, Kathy Hallborg, Jude Hammer, Howard Henry, Val Macer, John McClester, Sandy Robertson, Matt Smith, Sarah Smith. We had a happy time collaborating with our sisters and brothers from another

congregation to serve the community in which we all live.

Keep your calendars open so that you, too, can participate with us in 2024. A signup sheet will be forthcoming in November. Please speak to Howard Henry if you have any questions

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UPC/CBC Support for Dr. Charles R. Drew Science Magnet School

On September 5 at 7:15 a.m. Rev. Tom Yorty, Lee Ann Grace and Howard Henry, along with 3 members of Calvary Baptist Church, were on hand to welcome students back to school. Lee Ann provided “Welcome Back” balloons to lend a festive touch. Principal Mark Shoemaker gave them a tour of the school and the opportunity to meet the Teachers. They also spoke with Assistant Principal Chanelle Wallace, who came to worship at UPC on Sunday September 1 and gave a Minute for Mission explaining the goals and mission of the school. She invited them to attend the school’s Thanksgiving Open House.

In August, a Supply Drive was held at both churches to raise money to help provide swimsuits, toiletries and personal incentive items for the students. UPC raised \$750 for this effort. Thanks to all for your generosity! On October 3 Rev. Yorty, Marietta Bratton, Howard Henry, Pastor Corey Gibson and members of Calvary Baptist will go to the school to present the checks to Principal Mark Shoemaker.

